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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PGOV AO  
SUBJECT: ANGOLA

REF: LISBON 7433 (DTG 260848Z SEP 77)

1. ON NOV 9 I HAD A BRIEF FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION ON  
ANGOLA WITH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO JORGE CAMPINOS  
(REFTEL). IN HIS VIEW MATTERS HAVE TAKEN A DECIDED  
TURN FOR THE WORSE.

2. CAMPINOS DESCRIBED NETO AS BECOMING MORE AND MORE A  
PRISONER OF THE SOVIETS. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS  
WERE CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITION IN THE MILITARY COMMAND  
STRUCTURE AND WERE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE  
IN A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. HIS  
INFORMATION WAS THAT FRICTION EXISTED BETWEEN THE SOVIETS  
AND THE CUBANS, WITH THE LATTER BECOMING STEADILY  
MORE UNPOPULAR WITH THE LOCAL POPULACE. HE COMMENTED  
THAT THE SOVIET'S GRIP HAS TIGHTENED TO THE POINT WHERE  
SOME OF NETO'S SUPPORTERS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO  
LEAVE ANGOLA. THE SOVIETS, IN EFFECT, WERE ATTEMPTING  
TO ACCOMPLISH BY "CREEPING COUP" WHAT THEY HAD FAILED TO  
DO ON MAY 27.

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3. I ASKED CAMPINOS IF IN THE LIGHT OF HIS ASSESSMENT  
HE STILL FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE FULL  
SUPPORT TO NETO (REFTEL). HE SAID HE SAW NO OTHER  
LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE FOR PORTUGAL. I NOTED THAT WE  
FAVORED RECONCILIATION BUT ALSO HOPED TO KEEP OUR  
OPTIONS OPEN. CAMPINOS SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS AN  
APPROPRIATE POLICY FOR THE USG, WHICH HAD TO TAKE A

GLOBAL VIEW, BUT PORTUGAL HAD TO DEAL MORE ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS WITH THE MPLA. RECONCILIATION WAS, OF COURSE, A DESIRABLE GOAL BUT HE DID NOT SEE IT MATERIALIZING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HE THOUGHT ANY INITIATIVE FROM SENGHOR OR HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY ALONG THESE LINES WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE. THE MPLA MIGHT ACCEPT A RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE FROM NYEYERE, BUT NEVER HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND SENGHOR.  
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